

SENATOR WILL: I think we need to retain the University of Nebraska-Lincoln there, because we're saying that it is the sense of the Legislature that we want the university to work with the NCAA and other schools to immediately begin the process of seriously reducing the time spent by, under my amendment, college scholarship athletes on athletic activities. So I think we need to retain the mention of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in line 3, because we're giving a sense of the Legislature that we'd like our university to work with other universities. So I think it's appropriate to leave it in there.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, thank you. Also, I have a question of Senator Beutler. Senator Beutler, in line 5, you say "should immediately begin", in line 6, "the process of seriously reducing the time spent by the University of Nebraska", of course, that will be struck now by other colleges. Okay, what do you mean by the words "seriously reducing"? Is that 25 percent, 50 percent? Shouldn't we be more specific?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Obviously, Senator Hefner, I don't have in my own mind an exact percentage which is correct. I don't know enough about it to make some kind of statement like that. And I think it makes more sense to have them address the problem first. And, if we are not satisfied with what happens, then we can have further exchange of ideas on the matter.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, thank you. This is what's wrong with this amendment, I feel. I feel that we hire a chancellor of the university, we handle...we hire presidents of these colleges, we hire coaches, we pay coaches, and I think it should be up to them to decide how much time should be spent on athletics. I don't know either, Senator Beutler said he didn't know. Now maybe Senator Chambers will explain to us a little again during the debate of this bill. But I just feel that we're spending way too much time on this. And I'm not going to support the bill because I feel that it will put us in violation of the NCAA. It is a little better bill than LB 69, the one we debated the other day, because four other states would have to pass laws such as this before this one would take effect. But here we are, on the 23rd day, spending a lot of time again on debating athletics at our schools. And I think this is what we hire these people to do. So I'm going to oppose this amendment to the amendment and oppose the amendment and oppose the bill. Thank you.